

GETTING READY GUIDE

Digital Storytelling Workshop

COMMUNITY STORY

Many of us have our stories told by others. Digital Storytelling gives each of us a chance to tell our own stories. During this workshop you'll learn new tools and apply these tools to create your own story about your community.

This workshop will guide you through a process combining storytelling with modern day technology and digital media. It is designed for all levels of computer experience. You only need to have basic computer knowledge. Trained facilitators / coaches will assist you in the process of putting the pieces of your own digital story together.



HEALTHY
NATIVE
COMMUNITIES
PARTNERSHIP

hncpartners.org

©Healthy Native Communities Partnership, Inc.

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 3.0 Unported License.

To view a copy of this license, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/> or send a letter to Creative Commons, 444 Castro Street, Suite 900, Mountain View, California, 94041, USA.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

1. Community Story
2. Pictures
3. Laptop Computer
4. Headphones
5. USB Thumb Drive
6. Music



1. COMMUNITY STORY

Talk with your team members and write down some ideas about your community's story:

- a. Basic Facts – Community name, where you are, how many people live there
- b. What do you know about your community's history – as far back as you can remember, from what you have heard – like stories from elders
- c. What has made your community strong?
- d. What kinds of blocks have got in your community's way?
- e. What challenges have you faced?
- f. What are the best things about your community?
- g. What are you the most proud of?
- h. What is the worst thing – or the biggest challenge in your community today?
- i. What are you concerned about in your community?
- j. What are your hopes for the future of your community?

As you are writing, consider:

- Why is this story important to me? Why is it important to tell it now?
- Who is the audience for this story?
- What message do I want to convey?
- How can I include my native language, culture, and tradition in my story?

GATHER SOME COMMUNITY VOICES

What will help make your story powerful are the real voices of real people from your community. Before coming to Denver, gather some of their ideas. You can record their voices using a tape recorder, cell phone, or digital camera.

WHO TO INTERVIEW:

- ☐ Your friends
- ☐ Go out to a community site where people gather or where an activity is happening and do some interviews
- ☐ Ask around and find out who the people are who your friends and family think have a good story to tell and then do a short interview with them

WHAT TO ASK ABOUT:

You can ask whatever you want, but here are some ideas –

- ☐ How do you feel about the future of your community?
- ☐ What are you most proud of about your community?
- ☐ What do you think are the biggest challenges people are facing in your community?
- ☐ What is your best story about your community?

2. PICTURES

You can bring any pictures, drawings, letters, or other items that will help you tell your community story. You can bring pictures you already have, or take some new ones that show everyday life in your community today in any of the following formats:

- **HARD COPY:** We can scan your images or take photos of them to use in your story.
- **DIGITAL:** Save your images as JPEG files onto a CD or USB thumb drive.

If you plan on using other pictures / images that are not your own, please make sure you have permission to use them.

**NO MORE
THAN 20
PICTURES!**

“You don't need very many pictures to tell a story...so, don't overwhelm yourself with too many pictures.”

~ Advice from Participant

3. LAPTOP COMPUTER

If at all possible, please bring your own laptop computer. If you don't have a laptop computer, we will have a limited number of laptops available for use at the workshop. Please let us know if you will bring your own, or will need to borrow one.

- **PC Users** - do you have Microsoft Movie Maker OR Movie Maker Live installed?
- **Mac Users** - Do you have iMovie installed?



4. HEADPHONES

During the workshop you will be listening to your narration while you create your digital story. You will need headphones to help you hear your narration.



5. USB THUMB DRIVE

The USB thumb drive will be used to store your images and to back up your digital storytelling project.

6. MUSIC

Use music that complements your story. We recommend you use music without lyrics so your narration won't be competing with the music. Please make sure you have permission to use all music. Royalty free music is available at www.freeplaymusic.com. If you would like to sing your own song, we can record you.



GOAL, WEBINAR and OUR STORIES

GOAL

During the workshop, you will ...

- ❑ work with your team to create your own digital story about your community
- ❑ learn the basics of script development, digital imagery and video editing.
- ❑ record and integrate your voice with your pictures.

GETTING READY WEBINAR

We will have a 1 hour Getting Ready Webinar to help you prepare for the workshop. We will email you information about the Webinar.

DIGITAL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP AGENDA

